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SUBJECT: TURKISH AND SAUDI PRESSURE ON ROMANIAN MUFTI

REP: BUCHAREST 618

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Mark Taplin for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d)

- ¶1. (C) SUMMARY. On October 11, Turkish Ambassador Ahmet Okcun met with the Ambassador to discuss "increased U.S. activity in the Dobrogea region." ¶2. (C) Turkish Ambassador Ahmet Okcun requested a meeting with the Ambassador on October 11 to discuss "increased U.S. activity in the Dobrogea region." ¶3. (C) Okcun wondered whether we were "working toward the same aims, against the same enemies." "Islamic extremism is trying to infiltrate my fundamentalists have too much money and appeal to the younger generation. There are 50 officially recognized imams in Romania, but the unoffical ones constantly turns to me for advice, calling five times a day, Okcun said. The Turkish Embassy is fighting back on new fronts, with plans to combat terrorism." ¶4. (C) Asking what our intentions are for future "approaches to his citizens" in Dobrogea, Okcun proposed that the Ambassador consult with him. ¶5. (C) The Ambassador emphasized that we see the Turkish minorities as Romanians first. Our mission worldwide is to explain ourselves, our values, and our policies. ¶6. (C) COMMENT. Turkish Ambassador Okcun continues to challenge our interaction with Romania's Turkish minority and insist that the Embassy clearly communicate our position.

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